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Office of Engineering and Technology Equipment Authorization System Selected for Prestigious E-Gov 2002 Pioneer Award

Washington, DC – The Federal Communications Commission's Office of Engineering and Technology's (OET) Equipment Authorization Systems (EAS) have been selected to receive the prestigious E-Gov 2002 Pioneer Award. The fourth annual E-Gov Awards recognize public sector professionals who have developed innovative E-Government programs that increase productivity, save limited public resources, and improve the quality, timeliness, and accuracy of citizen services. The E-Gov Award Selection Committee includes representatives from the General Services Administration, National Defense University, the Departments of Transportation, Commerce, and Treasury, Montgomery County, Maryland, as well as the U.S. Customs Service.

The EAS is a real time electronic filing and processing system that takes full advantage of the power of the Internet. Applications for authorization to market equipment using radio frequency spectrum that were formerly submitted on paper are now filed and tracked using the Internet. The application process is completely electronic, and upon grant of an authorization all nonconfidential information is publicly available on the Internet. EAS helps reduce delays through a streamlined process that expedites disposition of applications, thereby expediting the deployment of new products into the marketplace. The availability of information results in increased consumer knowledge and greater choice in the marketplace.

Development of EAS is an on-going effort accomplished in partnership with the telecommunications industry. The EAS is a collaborative effort between OET and the Office of the Managing Director's Information Technology Center, under contract with DynCorp Systems & Solutions, LLC.

The Pioneer Award will be presented to EAS at the E-Gov 2002 Awards Luncheon on June 25, 2002 from 12:30 – 2:30 P.M., at the Washington Convention Center. Tom Ridge, Director, Office of Homeland Security is the invited featured speaker. The E-Gov 2002 Pioneer Award winners, including EAS, will demonstrate their outstanding applications in the Government Solutions Center (GSC) during the E-Gov 2002 Exposition June 26-27 from 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. at the Washington Convention Center. A focused FCC / OET Best Practice Briefing on EAS will be presented in the GSC Theatre on Thursday, June 27 at 3:00 P.M.